

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1771 - SB 1836

April 4, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires mandatory minimum terms of incarceration and fines for felonious possession of drugs (Schedules I-VII), based upon the amount of drugs possessed and the number of prior convictions. Increases the penalty for sale, manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, simple possession or casual exchange. Increases penalty one classification higher, if a firearm was possessed at the time of arrest.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,793,600/Incarceration*
Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes inmate population will increase by 557 inmates in the next 10 years as a result of increased sentences. State and local government revenues will increase as a result of increased fines levied and collected.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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